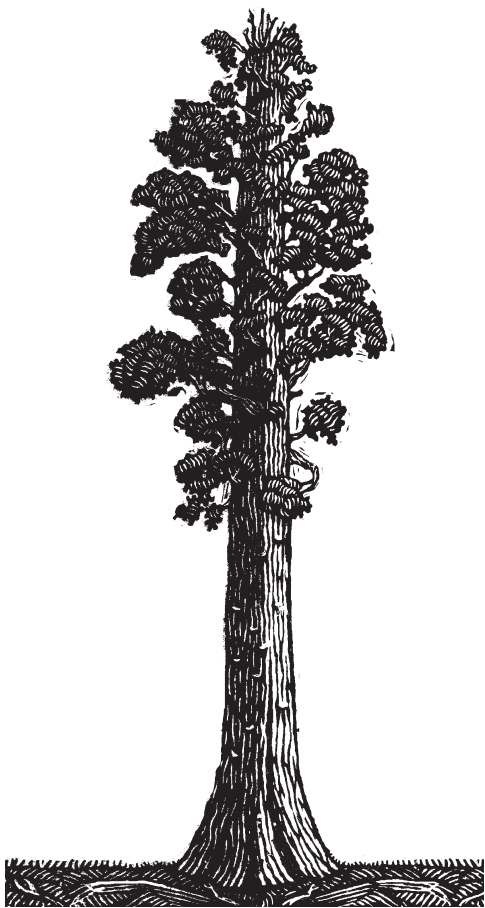


# WELCOME TO SEQUOIA & KINGS CANYON



## INFORMATION NUMBERS

**EMERGENCY — DIAL 911**  
(no coins needed)

**24-Hour Park Information**  
1-559-565-3341 (NPS)  
[www.nps.gov/seki](http://www.nps.gov/seki)

**National Forest Information**  
1-559-338-2251 (USFS)  
[www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia)

**Yosemite Information (NPS)**  
1-209-372-0200  
[www.nps.gov/yose](http://www.nps.gov/yose)

**California Road Conditions**  
1-800-427-7623 (Caltrans)

## Partners in the Parks

The following work together to provide this guide, first published in 1974 as the *Sequoia Bark*. It is published by the Sequoia Natural History Association (SNHA) and printed by the Selma Enterprise:

- **National Park Service (NPS)**  
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1-559-565-3341  
[www.nps.gov/seki](http://www.nps.gov/seki)
- **Sequoia Natural History Association (SNHA)**  
1-559-565-3759  
[www.sequoiahistory.org](http://www.sequoiahistory.org)
- **Forest Service (USFS)**  
559-784-1500  
[www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia)
- **Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts (DNCPR)**  
1-888-252-5757  
[www.visitsequoia.com](http://www.visitsequoia.com)
- **Kings Canyon Park Services (KCPS)**  
1-866-KCANYON (522-6966)  
[www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com](http://www.sequoia-kingscanyon.com)
- **US Geological Survey (USGS)**  
1-559-565-3171  
[www.werc.usgs.gov](http://www.werc.usgs.gov)

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## Get to know your parks

Doubtless you expect giant trees and spectacular canyons — and you won't be disappointed. But the whole of this place is even greater than the sum of its great parts!

Rising from 1300' to 14,494', these parks protect a huge elevational range. This span from low to high means dramatic shifts from hot foothills to shady forests to the cold high Sierra. It means extraordinarily diverse plants and animals living in extremely varied conditions. It means steep roads and trails that climb mountains and cold rivers that plunge down from their heights.

There is diversity, too, in the caretakers of this landscape. Bordering these two national parks is a national monument, part of a national forest. A U.S. Geological Survey Field Station conducts research here. The Sequoia Natural History Association sells books and maps at visitor centers and contributes to education and research. The Sequoia Fund supports significant park projects.

Other partners, public and private, cooperate with the Park Service to meet a challenging mission — providing for public enjoyment while keeping the parks unimpaired for future generations. *You* are an equally important partner! Experience the parks fully: Learn all you can and join in preserving them. Together we can meet this inspiring goal:

*The National Park Service  
cares for special places saved by  
the American people so that all  
may experience our heritage.*

## Expect Change

We often think of parks as outdoor museums, but caretaking a living ecosystem is very different than protecting unchanging objects.

Both natural features and human facilities may be different each time you visit. Park management may or may not affect your visit. You won't notice the ozone-monitoring equipment that works 24 hours a day, but you will see other activities. Some of them may unavoidably affect you, such as smoke from a prescribed fire or campsite closures due to revegetation or bear activity.

The park uses these as tools to maintain this landscape and protect its inhabitants and visitors. Your visit gives you a snapshot of the year-round process of park management. Nature decides the timing of many of these activities, but they all share one goal: preservation of these parks for people now *and* in the future.

## ENTRANCE FEE OPTIONS

- **7-day pass** for Sequoia, Kings Canyon, & the Hume Lake District of Sequoia National Forest (Giant Sequoia National Monument): \$10 per vehicle or \$5 per person on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, or bus.
- **Annual pass** for Sequoia, Kings Canyon, & the Hume Lake District of Sequoia National Forest (Giant Sequoia National Monument): \$20 admits all passengers in a private vehicle for one year from month of purchase.
- **National Parks Pass:** \$50 pass admits all passengers in a private vehicle to all U.S. national parks for one year from month of purchase. Not redeemable at Crystal Cave. Also available via 1-888-GO-PARKS and [www.nationalparks.org](http://www.nationalparks.org).
- **Golden Eagle Pass:** \$65 pass not only for national parks, but also for entrance fees at all federal monuments, historic sites, recreation areas & wildlife refuges. Also honored at National Forests charging for use of high-impact recreation areas. Valid for one year from month of purchase.
- **Golden Age Passport:** One-time \$10 fee buys a lifetime pass for park entrance fees for U.S. citizens & permanent residents 62 or over.
- **Golden Access Pass:** Free to blind or permanently disabled U.S. citizens & permanent residents. Take appropriate documentation to any park visitor center.

## WELCOME!

You may borrow the park map & guide in Braille at visitor centers.

## BIENVENUE!

Une guide officielle est disponible dans les centres d'information.

## BIENVENIDOS!

Hay un folleto en Español disponible en los centros de visita.

## WILKOMMEN!

Eine Landkarte ist auch in deutscher sprache im Besucherzentrum erhältlich.

## BENVENUTI!

La traduzione in lingua Italiana della mappa e' disponibile in tutti i centri di informazioni.

## PARK, FOREST, OR MONUMENT?

You see signs for Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks, Sequoia National Forest, and Giant Sequoia National Monument. What is the difference between them?

All are on federal land. Each exists to benefit society. Yet each has a different history and purpose. Together they provide a wide spectrum of uses.

National parks strive to keep landscapes unimpaired for future generations. They protect natural and historic features while offering light-on-the-land recreation. Park rangers work for the National Park Service, part of the Department of the Interior.

National forests, managed under a "multiple use" concept, provide services and commodities that may include lumber, cattle grazing, minerals, and recreation with and without vehicles.

Forest rangers work for the U.S. Forest Service, an agency in the Department of Agriculture.

Both agencies manage wilderness and other areas where they strive for maximum protection of natural resources. For example, part of Sequoia National Forest has been designated Giant Sequoia National Monument to emphasize protection of sequoias.

Parks, forests, and monuments may have different rules in order to meet their goals. Read "Where can I..." on the next page to check out what activities are permitted where. Despite confusion over names, we get a wide range of benefits these diverse areas offer.

